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1. STEPHEN GABBERT OF RICE MILLERS' ASSOCIATION OF WASHDC VISITED BAGHDAD FOR FIRST TIME MAY 15 - 18. MET STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND IRAQI GRAIN BOARD. HIS SOURCES CONFIRMED REF A'S EARLIER REPORT THAT IRAQ HAS CONTRACTED TO LIFT 140,000 TONS US RICE IN 1975--WITH 80,000 TONS STILL TO BE EXPORTED. ACCORDING GABBERT, IRAQI CONSUMER AND GRAIN BOARD REACTION TO US RICE HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE.

2. COMMENT: VIRTUALLY SIMULTANEOUS VISITS BY REPS OF GREAT PLAINS WHEAT, INC. (REF. B) AND RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION WAS TIMELY AS RICE AND WHEAT CONSTITUTE LEADING COMPONENTS OF U.S. EXPORTS TO IRAQ. BOTH VISITORS WERE WARMLY RECEIVED. BOTH EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO GRAIN BOARD OFFICIALS TO VISIT USA AT CONVENIENT TIEM. USINT STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS INITIATIVE AND URGES USDA KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE TWO US GROUPS TO HELP ARRANGE INSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM FOR THESE KEY GRAIN BUYERS. LOWRIE

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